

## Correspondence and Postal Reports.

## AN EARNEST LETTER.

GOSHEN, IND., Feb. 14, '94.

I began meeting at Mt. Union, Jan. 14th, and continued till Jan. 30th, with the help of Bro. Sala as I took the grippe the 26th, and was not able to speak, but closed the meeting the 30th, when, without giving an invitation, two came forward for baptism, and several others who want to be baptized in the future. We baptized four, and stirred out two of our members who had not attended for several years, and have a stronger hold on public sentiment than ever before.

This church was organized by Bro. Swihart about four years ago with twelve members. After its organization, but during the same meeting wife and I and two others united making a membership of sixteen. Three of the members have never been able to attend our meeting living in town five miles away. Two others (our deacon and wife) moved away a few miles, and they failed to attend. I was called to the ministry almost three years ago, as Bro. Sala took charge of other congregations, and we were left to look out for ourselves. So with a membership of eight or ten we kept up the battle. Five were added by baptism and one by relation over a year ago and during our last meeting four more by baptism, with a bright future we hope to send up that shout of victory during the coming year.

We had nothing with which to make any display but by living honestly and doing what we promise to do, we have won public sentiment and the future looks bright. I tell my brethren when it looks dark, just be honest and straight forward and we will win. If all our churches would make less effort to match other churches in display we would be stronger to-day. We must learn to walk before we can run.

I ordered the EVANGELIST sent to a man who is not a member of any church! and about the second number contained Bro. Holsinger's appeal for simple justice, and yet the call almost unheeded. We voted Bro. Holsinger's living away from him and now will we let him suffer because he trusted us? How can we expect to win good honest men when we let a cry for justice only go by unheeded? We might all say, "hard times!" but how is it with a Bro. who has all at stake? I was reading a short time ago about the Adventists and their annual offering of houses and lots, watches and all kinds of jewelry, hats and bonnets to the amount of \$25,000. Now if some of our brethren have nothing else to give they might sell their plug hats and they and the church be better off for doing so. That has been thrown into my teeth many times. I never apologize for them but attribute it to a love of display, and lack of

Christ. And, as long as any of us, use tobacco we should not plead poverty or hard times. I quit chewing tobacco some years ago, and am now engaged in a battle against smoking. I have not smoked for some time, but the battle is fierce. Pray for me that I may overcome. Now brethren let us do our duty and love each other more and try to overcome our love for everything but that which is right; and some day we will send up a glad shout of victory.

"He knows the way looks dreary  
He knows the feet grow weary."

A. S. MENAUGH.

P. S.—You don't need to publish this but they are my sentiments. We ought to be willing to live as our members do and not quite so much contrast between minister and member.

A. S. M.

## A NEW CONTRIBUTOR WRITES OF THE TRIALS OF A NEW ORGANIZATION.

NORTH GEORGETOWN, OHIO, Feb. 5, '94.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—If you will allow us space we will endeavor to write a few lines for publication. This is our first attempt, and may be very tedious; but we trust what we say may meet the approbation of some one who will be interested in our remarks.

There are many Progressive and Gospel alone doctrine churches in this country of which we know nothing. And for the same reason there are many Progressive brethren and sisters who do not know that a small twig has started up at this place. You have been told by Bro. I. D. Bowman the results of a revival held here by himself in Sep. and Oct., '92. Prior to that time the nearest Progressive church was 16 miles, and we knew but very little of it. The G. B. church held sway in this community, while the Reformed Lutherans challenged the world for their share of honor and glory for what they were doing for a dying people. All the discouragements man was capable of inventing were strewn by the wayside to try men's souls, to stay the tide of progression. But there was a Paul come among us, preaching and espousing the Gospel with such powers, working wonders among the people, winding up one of the greatest and most successful revivals ever known to the people of this community. He organized and established a church here the 28th of Oct., 1892, with 53 members; 49 by trine immersion and 4 by relation.

Then came the trying hour, we had no preacher nearer than 16 miles, and the churches locked their doors. We rented an old town hall and paid well for it, and the Louisville pastor came occasionally and preached for us.

(To be continued.)

GEORGE A. RUFF.

## A VOLUNTEER REPORTS—GOOD.

PORT REPUBLIC, VA., Feb. 14, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—The Brethren

church at Mt. Olive has no regular pastor at present.

Bro. J. I. Hall, of near Harrisonburg, Va., has been preaching for us once a month the past fall and winter. This kindness has been highly appreciated. On the second Sunday of this month, the writer addressed an attentive audience at Mountain Grove, an adjoining appointment. As the church has no reporter I may report again.

J. S. BOWMAN.

## A CHURCH DEDICATED—REVIVAL IN PROGRESS.

BRIDGEWATER, VA., Feb. 14, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I herewith enclose a programme of our meeting at our new church Bethlehem, which Bro. E. B. Shaver dedicated on the 4th inst. Owing to a very inclement day we had but a small crowd. However we had an excellent sermon and quite good music. Have had quite a good attendance and good interest during the meeting. Six persons have already confessed Christ, and from ten to fifteen more are almost persuaded. We have great opposition, and there is but a small band of us yet, however we hope to live down all opposition, and then I feel sure the "Gospel alone" platform will be first in the estimation of all our good people. May all EVANGELIST readers pray for our little band of Soldiers at Bethlehem, near Harrisonburg, Va. Most truly yours in Christ

LEE HAMMER.

## A CHURCH THAT CO-OPERATES WITH US—GOD BLESS IT.

LATHROP, Feb. 10, 1894.

The Lathrop church met in quarterly meeting, Feb. 3rd. Nearly all the members were present. Bro. Lehman of Iowa, was with us and made a few remarks; the church and Sunday school is progressing finely under the leadership of Bro. J. P. Wolfe. All are highly pleased with the Brethren quarterlies and the form of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST. A collection was taken up for the purpose of sending the EVANGELIST to the members of the church that are not able to pay for it. The writer was appointed postal reporter for this church.

Mrs. LIZZIE WOLFE.

## EVERYTHING SERENE.

AKRON, IND., Feb. 13th.

Bro. D. A. Hopkins was with us at the Burns chapel Saturday eve and Sunday morning, Feb. 10th and 11th. Preached two good sermons; interest good, brotherly love prevailing. We will meet next Sunday morning to make arrangements to hold Bible meetings. The EVANGELIST is a welcome visitor at our home. We like it much better in its new form, as it is much more convenient for storing away for future reference.

May God bless the efforts of all true Christians.

Mrs. MARY W. SAYGER.

## BRO. OLINGER RESPONDS.

MEYERSDALE, PA., Feb. 12th, 1894.

There is a saying that when you know nothing to say, say nothing at all. As nothing unusual happened in our community, I concluded to follow the foregoing advice.

One of the topics of conversation here at present is the coming German Baptist Annual Meeting. People of nearly all denominations are going to help entertain visitors. The Brethren church at this place is now 13 years old since its organization and is gradually gaining in numbers and otherwise.

Bro. A. D. Gnagey has been our pastor nearly the entire time.

J. M. OLINGER.

## OUR MEETING A SUCCESS.

WEST INDEPENDENCE, OHIO, Jan. 26.

Bro. Jesse Calvert came to this place Jan. 8th, and began a meeting which closed last night. Result of the meeting, twenty baptized, three applicants for baptism and the church aroused as to her duty.

Bro. Calvert delivered the word of God in a manner which proves it sharper than a two edged sword. Our communion services on the evening of the 24th. was a grand spiritual feast.

Eld. Isaac Leedy was also with us during these meetings. These brethren who labored so earnestly with and for us have our sincere gratitude, and to God we ascribe glory and honor because of success.

ELIZA TAWNEY.

## AT MISSION WORK.

TERRA ALTA, W. VA., Feb. 11th, '94.

EDITOR EVANGELIST: I was sent by the Mission Board to Terra Alta, W. Va., to hold a revival meeting. I commenced here on last Sunday and now after one week, I can only report one addition. But the attendance is larger and we hope ere long to be able to give a more encouraging report. We will remain in this section for some weeks yet.

We are pleased with the people. Find them educated and refined and we so long and pray that the cause may be built up here.

Fraternally,

S. H. LOVE.

## CALIFORNIA STATE CONFERENCE.

DEAR BROTHER:—This is to give notice to our members, and all others who feel an interest in the work that the California State Conference of the Brethren church will be held at Lathrop; and that it is to open on Thursday, April 4th, at 10 o'clock a. m. We shall have some very important business before us, and it is hoped that all who can will be present. If you cannot come, write a letter to be read to those assembled. If you write, direct to me, and I will find a place for it on the program.

Yours in Christ,

J. W. BEER.

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